

## **IPID COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JUNE 11, 2009**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Cynthia Koprowski, Bernie Mangers, John Wirkus, Mike O'Brien, JoAnn Eiring, Jose Ruiz, Brad Schimel, Erika Wisk

#### **Presentation**

Waukesha County District Attorney, Brad Schimel, discussed the role of the DA's office in the OWI process/court proceedings. He stated there is a dramatic decrease in the number of first offense OWI's to the second offense OWI's and a decrease in second offense to third. The decrease in numbers stop once you get to the third offense OWI's. He also stated that the only difference legally from the first offense to second offense is the second offense OWI has jail time.

For the third offense OWI, you are required to attend the Victim Impact Panel (VIP) which is held six times a year at WCTC. There is a fee to attend which helps offset the cost of renting the space.

Record keeping on OWI offenses has changed so it appears that there are more third offense OWI's. It use to be that after 5 years the OWI record would be dropped. The Department of Transportation now keeps the records for the lifetime of the offender.

In Waukesha County we have the Intoxicated Driver Program through Wisconsin Community Service (WCS) for second offense OWI and higher. It is a pretrial monitoring service. Discussion followed.

The group discussed legislative changes being proposed. All changes will cost money. Brad Schimel discussed the proposals and whether they make good sense. Any law change should make sense and make a positive impact. He also stated that right now there are 1400 felonies charged in Waukesha County. If third and fourth OWI's become felonies that would add an estimated 400 felony charges that the DA's office would have to prosecute. He also mentioned that most county DA's offices are and have been understaffed. Discussion followed.

#### **New Business**

Cynthia Koprowski will arrange a speaker for the September meeting.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the March 12, 2009 meeting were approved as read. The minutes from the June 12, 2008 and September 11, 2008 meeting will be approved at the September 10, 2009 meeting since members did not have them available to read.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

Date